



Navy Environmental Restoration Program Update National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Crows Landing Flight Facility

[Former Naval Auxiliary Landing Field, Crows Landing]

The purpose of this Fact Sheet is to provide an update on the activities that were conducted by the Navy during January, February, and early March 2003 at the NASA Crows Landing Flight Facility (the Facility), formerly known as the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF), Crows Landing in Stanislaus County, California.

Installation Restoration Program (IRP)

Field work was conducted at IRP Site 11A (Sewer Systems) and IRP Site 17 (Demolished Hangar and Administration Area Plume) during January, February, and early March 2003.

IRP Site 11A (Sewer Systems): IRP Site 11A includes the original sewage treatment plant, constructed in approximately 1943, and the most recently used sewage treatment plant, constructed in the early 1950's. The sites are located in the eastern section of the Facility near Bell Road. The original sewage treatment plant was abandoned in the 1950's. The Navy identified areas of buried waste and debris at, and near, the former oxidation pond area of the original sewage treatment plant during geophysical surveys and exploratory trenching activities conducted in 2001 and 2002. Detailed plans were completed in November 2002 for the excavation and removal of buried waste and debris at, and near, the former oxidation pond area.

In January 2003, the Navy began excavating and removing buried waste and debris from the former oxidation pond area of the original sewage treatment plant. Approximately 17,000 tons of construction debris and waste have been removed. Approximately 900 tons of

contaminated soils, ash, and waste have been removed. Excavation activities are planned to be completed in March 2003, and a summary report will be prepared following the completion of fieldwork.

Photograph 1. Excavation and Removal of Buried Ash and Waste near the Former Incinerator Site early March 2003.



Photograph 2. Surveying the Excavation at the Former Septic Tank Sites in early March 2003.



IRP Site 17 (Demolished Hangar Area and Administration Area Plume (the Plume)): IRP Site 17 encompasses the demolished hangar area near the east central section of the Facility.

Contaminated groundwater was extracted in the vicinity of a former dry well in the southern section of the Plume and in the vicinity of former underground storage tank (UST) 117 in the eastern section of the Plume. Additionally, routine quarterly groundwater monitoring activities were completed in early March 2003. The next monitoring

event is scheduled for May 2003. An annual groundwater monitoring report, with information collected from November 2001 through August 2002, was published in late December 2002 and the information from the November 2002 sampling event was published in early March 2003.

Historical Background

The former NALF Crows Landing was commissioned in May 1943 and has served primarily as an auxiliary airfield for operations from Naval Air Station, Moffett Field.

The Navy closed the Facility in 1994 in accordance with the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act. The Facility was transferred to NASA on July 1, 1994. In October 1999, NASA was authorized by legislative act of the 106th Congress of the United States of America to transfer the facility to Stanislaus County. On April 10, 2001, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors adopted the Crows Landing Flight Facility Reuse Plan. Phase 1 of the Reuse Plan maintains the status quo, with ongoing environmental remediation, agricultural production, and planning. Phase 2 of the Reuse Plan adds general aviation uses to those listed as Phase 1. The Reuse Plan was approved following adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and is in full compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Navy is responsible for the restoration of contaminated sites that were the result of historical Navy operations at the Facility. The Navy is the lead agency for the implementation of the installation restoration program. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the California Integrated Waste Management Board provide regulatory oversight.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Navy will provide periodic updates to the community through these Fact Sheets. The Fact Sheets are available for viewing on the Navy's Community Relations Program web site at the following address:

<http://www.efdswnavfac.navy.mil/Environmental/CrowsLanding.htm#facts>.

The most current project correspondence, plans, reports, and other documents are available for inspection by the public at the local information repository at the Patterson Branch Library. If you have comments or questions pertaining to the Navy's projects, please send them to Ms. Marianna Potacka, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92132-5190.

Environmental Restoration Program Mailing List Update Form

To better serve the community regarding the Navy's Environmental Restoration Program projects at the NASA Crows Landing Flight Facility, we are continuing to update our mailing list. If you would like to receive copies of fact sheets and proposed plans, please complete the form and return to the following address:

Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
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Code 06CC.LMH (Lynn Marie Hornecker)
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